

## WIPP Quick Facts (As of 7-5-10)

### 8,705

Shipments received since opening  
(8,326 CH and 379 RH)

### 68,748

Cubic meters of waste disposed  
(68,557 CH and 191 RH)

### 134,112

Containers disposed in the  
underground  
(133,735 CH and 377 RH)

## WIPP completes cleanup of two California sites



**The last CH-TRU waste shipment from the Vallecitos Nuclear Center is being loaded into a TRUPACT-II shipping container. The shipment went from VNC to Idaho.**

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant successfully completed waste cleanup activities at two California locations during a highly successful June campaign.

WIPP removed all defense-related transuranic (TRU) waste at the Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC), near Sunol, Calif., and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Site 300, located near Livermore, Calif., bringing the total number of sites to be cleaned of all legacy TRU waste to 17.

The last shipment of defense-related TRU waste from VNC was shipped to Idaho's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) on June 7. Following certification for disposal, this shipment of contact-handled (CH) TRU waste will be sent to WIPP for permanent disposal.

On June 11, a shipment of defense-related TRU waste from LLNL Site 300 was shipped to the LLNL main site in Livermore, resulting in the complete removal of Site 300's TRU waste.

In addition, using mobile loading equipment deployed for cleanup of LLNL's Site 300, six shipments of CH-TRU waste were also made from LLNL to AMWTP in June, successfully removing all available TRU waste at LLNL to open up waste storage areas.

"The numbers speak for themselves," said Casey Gadbury, director of the National TRU Program at the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO). "Just a few weeks after WIPP received its record number of 36 shipments in one week, we successfully completed cleanup activities at two small quantity sites. To me, that says

that our characterization, transportation and disposal processes are efficiently implementing our safe and compliant system."

Last year, working with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, CBFO began the shipping campaign from VNC by removing and disposing of 32 shipments of remote-handled (RH)-TRU waste. VNC is a privately-owned, commercial energy research facility located approximately 40 miles east of San Francisco and seven miles southwest of Livermore. The TRU waste was generated at VNC from government-sponsored research.

### **WIPP receives record number of shipments**



Last month, WIPP received 36 shipments in one week, a record high since operations began in 1999. Of the 36 shipments, 33 were contact-handled transuranic waste shipments and the other 3 were remote-handled waste shipments. The previous record of 35 shipments was set in 2006.

### **URS Washington TRU Solutions Wins Community Award**



URS Washington TRU Solutions received the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award in the large business category at the Chamber's annual banquet on June 24.

Positively Carlsbad Chair Susan Crockett highlighted WTS' involvement and leadership in the Chamber and in the community. "WTS is committed to the safety of employees, the community and the public," said Crockett.

A surprised WTS President and General Manager Farok Sharif, along with Chief Financial Officer Darold Haug and Deputy General Manager Pat Yocum, accepted the honor on behalf of WTS employees.

It was Haug's second trip to the podium for the evening. Earlier in the program, Haug was recognized as an outgoing member of the Chamber's Board of Directors. He has served on the board for the past eight years.

### **WIPP reaches 3 million hours without a day's away injury**

WIPP employees have surpassed 3 million hours without a day's away injury. A significant number, especially since WIPP has reached the 3 million mark only 3 times. This accomplishment comes on the heels of URS Washington TRU Solutions (WTS) maintaining DOE Voluntary Protection Program Star Status for safety.



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This number is the third highest total WIPP has achieved. The record number of hours remains 4.1 million, set back in 2006. The hours are calculated as a complex-wide total for WIPP employees.

“Every day that we have all employees return home safely is an accomplishment,” Safety and Health manager Tim Rotert said. “The credit goes to all WIPP employees. This just shows the continued strength of our safety culture.”

May also marked the first time in WIPP’s history to have zero reported injuries in one month, which includes minor injuries such as bug bites or paper cuts.

## Interns broaden horizons at WIPP



Every summer, WIPP provides interns an opportunity to gain valuable experience in their related fields of study. This summer WIPP is hosting 28 interns.

Yolanda Navarrete, who coordinates the summer intern program, says the WIPP project has a wide variety of career fields to match student interest.

"Each year WTS is fortunate to have an incredible group of interns," Navarrete said. "It's truly amazing to watch each student grow in such a short amount of time and we benefit from the new ideas they bring to the project."

## WTS' Brandon Storment speaks at DOE National Cyber Security Conference

Brandon Storment, manager of URS Washington TRU Solutions (WTS) Information Systems Security, recently worked with Sourcefire founder and Chief Technology Officer Martin Roesch to speak at the national DOE Cyber Security Conference in Atlanta, Ga., about the tools and strategies that government agencies must use to protect data from today's computer threats.



The focus of Storment's presentation was Sourcefire's Intrusion Prevention System, which is employed at WIPP to protect sensitive network data, address industry compliance issues and safeguard computer networks.

"WIPP remains one of the best sites within the DOE complex in terms of computer security," Storment said. "The use of Soucefire's Intrusion Prevention System keeps WIPP ahead of industry standards for governmental network security."

Sourcefire is a cyber security solutions company that provides real-time adaptive network security against cyber attacks.

## WIPP security provides training



Members of WIPP's security force are currently training colleagues from DOE Headquarters in Washington D.C.

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This summer, the WIPP Protective Force Training Department, managed by Security Walls LLC, has been conducting the Basic Security Police Officer Training Course in Carlsbad. It is the first time since WIPP's protective force was certified to offer the four-week training class to another security group.

Nine students who participated in the class are security officers with Paragon Technical Services, a security contractor for the DOE in Washington D.C. One new employee of the WIPP Protective Force also participated in the course.

"This course is required for all new entrants into the security arena," said Richard De Los Santos, security manager for Security Walls.

The first week of training consisted of intermediate use of force training which took place at the Permian Basin Regional Training Center. A firearms training class was held at the Eddy County Sheriff's Posse shooting range. Clayton Ardoin, WIPP Protective Force training director and his staff were assisted by Ben Klinefelter, with Paragon. De Los Santos said Bobby Martinez (Security Walls) and Clint Cassingham (WTS) both played a major role in the training. Officers Albert Hernandez and Luis Ramirez conducted the intermediate force training.

"I'm proud of our staff," De Los Santos said. "They were given an opportunity to excel, they accepted it and have done really well with it."

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